कितनी है जो इस वर्ष पूरी की जानी हैं/ इस वर्ष पूरी होनी थीं लेकिन पूरी नहीं की जा सकीं और उनको पूरा करने के लिए क्या नया लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री भक्त चरण दास) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) उदुपी-रोहा (768 कि० मी०) कोंकण रेलवे निगम द्वारा कार्य निष्पादित किया जा रहा है ।

(ग) 8 नई लाइन खंडों परियोजनाओं को 31-3-1991 तक पूरा किए जाने की संभावना है कोरापुट-रायगडा परियोजना (92 कि० मी०) का एक भाग पूरा नहीं किया जा सका और अब इसे 31-12-1991 तक पूरा करने का लक्ष्य रखा गया है ।

Loss due to hailstorms

*195. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:

SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated loss of crops in Delhi, Haryana, U. P. and other areas in North India due to hailstorms in the month of February, 1991;

(b) whether Government propose to provide assistance to farmers whose crops were damaged due to hailstorms; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) Hailstorm occurred in some parts of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and U. T. of Delhi on 11th February, 1991. Only the State of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh and U. T. of Delhi reported damage to crops due to hailstorm. As per preliminary estimate, crops in varying degrees were damaged in 281 villages in the Districts of Rohtak, Bhiwani, Faridabad, Narnaul, Ambala & Yamuna Nagar in Haryana and 407 villages of Gaziabad and Bulandshahar Districts in Uttar Pradesh. In Delhi, agriculture crops in about 18,000 acres were affected more than 50 per cent in 25 villages.

(b) and (c) The primary responsibility for providing relief in the wake of Natural Calamities including hailstorms rests with the State Governments concerned. Under the existing scheme of financing relief expenditure, a Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) has been constituted for each State with an allocated amount, 75 per cent of which is to be contributed by Central Government in four quarterly instalments of Central contribution for 1990-91 to these states have been released to enable the State Governments to provide necessary relief to the affected farmers. The State Governments have been requested to extend immediate assistance to the affected farmers.

Japanese loan for the development of Buddhist Centres in the country

*196. DR.. YELAMANCHILI SHIVAJI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the japanese Government have recently sanctioned about Rs. 100 crores as grant-cum-loan to develop the Buddhist Centres in various States; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) how the amount was distributed among various States;

(c) whether any request has been received from Andhra Pradesh for sanctioning any amount from this grant; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) The Government of Japan